

FIRE DESTROYS DWELLING AND BARN IN XENIA

Damage Estimated at \$5,000 in Blaze in Deweyville On Monday

STARTED IN BARN

Horse, Automobile and Quantity of Hay Included in Loss.

More than \$5,000 loss was entailed when fire destroyed the dwelling of Mrs. Parker Pennington and a barn belonging to Rufus Jenks, next door to it, on Kennedy street, in Deweyville at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Firemen are unable to establish the origin of the blaze, which started in the barn, in the rear of the home of Rufus Jenks, just across the alley from Mrs. Pennington's home, and which spread to the frame dwelling shortly after it was discovered. The conflagration in the barn had made considerable headway before it was discovered and an alarm sent in.

A horse, a Ford touring car, a ton and one-half of hay and 2,300 pounds of baled straw were represented in the loss when the flames consumed the barn. The building itself was burned to the ground. Only the walls of the six-room frame dwelling belonging to Mrs. Pennington were left standing, but a majority of the household goods of the little home were saved by neighbors who hurried to the scene when the fire was discovered. The building itself was almost totally destroyed.

Mrs. Rufus Jenks, working in the kitchen of her home, at Cottage Grove Avenue and Kennedy Street.

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WOULD ASK HELP OF GREAT BRITAIN TO STOP RUNNING

Drys After Liquor Smuggling Into United States.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Dry leaders, moving to keep imported liquors out of the United States, have proposed to Secretary of States Hughes that this government ask Great Britain to help put a stop to smuggling operations from British possessions to this country, it was learned today.

William Jennings Bryan, spokesman for the drys, told Secretary Hughes that the Volstead law enforcement has failed to reduce the imported liquor supply. Mr. Bryan earnestly appealed to Mr. Hughes to initiate discussions with British diplomats with a view to some arrangement with British authorities that will shut off the whisky supplies coming from British possessions.

Hughes has Bryan's plan under consideration. Immediate action upon it is not expected.

The move of the drys results from a review of liquor conditions in the United States, revealing an astonishing amount of imported liquors for sale in all localities where there is a demand.

LIGHTHOUSE TENDER IS LOST AT SEA

Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The steamer Concretia, a Canadian lighthouse tender, plying between Main Dicks and Lake Ontario ports with a crew of 10 men aboard, is believed to have been lost on Charley shoals in the vicinity of Cape Vincent. The Concretia left Main Dicks on Friday. Since that time she has not been heard from.

HEAVY POLICE GUARD THROWN ABOUT WALL STREET DISTRICT AFTER TIP SENT

New York, Dec. 19.—More than 100 extra policemen and detectives, and heavy detachments of government secret service agents and private detectives were on guard in the Wall Street district today following anonymous threats of violence.

Both the city police and federal authorities were certain the threats were a hoax, but they were taking no chances. They said that the precautions would be taken for several days.

A note was received by a brokerage firm at 25 Broad street saying that the stock exchange building and everything else within five blocks would be destroyed. Another reason for the precautions was the possibility that terrorists might attempt reprisals for the revelations made by Wilf Lindenfeld at Warsaw, regarding the Wall Street bomb outrage in 1920.

William J. Burns, head of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice said he did not fear an explosion, but was ready for anything. He said the public could rest assured that every possible measure of precaution had been taken.

Remembering that the bomb which was exploded in front of J. P. Morgan and company in September 1920, was hauled into Wall street on a wagon, policemen in the financial district were under orders to keep traffic moving and to keep all suspicious looking automobiles or horse drawn vehicles under scrutiny.

Chief Burns said he expected to receive from Washington during the day the complete detailed statements of Lindenfeld. Socialists and others who knew Lindenfeld in this city described him as a "faker." They said that all Lindenfeld's friends knew his falling as one prone to exaggerate or even put false stories into circulation.

CONSTABLE HELD UP AND ROBBED

Boston, Dec. 19.—Three highwaymen held up Constable Charles L. Hapgood, at Brookline early today and took his big revolver and club and \$35 belonging to the tax office. The bandits fled in an automobile but were halted by another Brookline "copper." He advised them to turn on their lights. The Brookline police are still looking for the robbers.

RATIFICATION BY SINN FEIN OF PEACE NEAR

Passage of Treaty Seems Certain With Smaller Majority.

Dublin, Dec. 19.—Formal motion for the rejection of the Irish peace treaty was made in the public session of Dail Eireann today by Eamonn Devalera. It was seconded by Austin Stack, a member of the Sinn Fein cabinet.

"Rather than ask the people to accept such a document I would ask them to continue in slavery," said Devalera. "It is the principle that is objectionable."

In seconding the motion to reject the treaty Stack said:

"I take this action because the treaty makes the Irish, British subjects. It was not for this that our patriots died."

Arthur Griffith made a fighting speech in favor of the past. He read a letter from Premier Lloyd George promising equality with Canada and Australia and also a place in the league of nations for Ireland.

Griffith warned the Sinn Feiners that they would lose the sympathy of the world if they rejected the treaty.

Dublin, Dec. 19.—Ratification of the Irish peace treaty seemed certain when Dail Eireann, Sinn Fein parliament, met today in open session. It was admitted, however, that if the pact were formally approved, the majority would not be as big as originally predicted.

Irish communists throughout Dublin are opposing the treaty and are demanding its rejection. It was not expected that they would exert any material influence as they number only 100 of 200.

Thousands of persons, gathered in the streets, cheered Eamonn Devalera, Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith, as well as the other leaders, as they entered the meeting place.

Friends of Devalera said that, in the event of defeat, he might resign leaving Griffith to form a new cabinet. On the other hand, it was regarded as possible that he might accept the decision of the majority in order to retain his leadership.

The younger army members of Dail headed by Richard Mulcahy, chief of staff of the Irish republican army and adjutant general Gerrard, are supporting Collins.

Count Plunkett is supporting Devalera. Countess Markiewicz, a member of the Sinn Fein cabinet, was described as wavering.

Devalera leads the forces opposed to ratification. Collins and Griffith lead those favoring ratification.

W. C. T. U. WORKER IS FOUND GUILTY

Adrian, Mich., Dec. 19.—"Guilty of manslaughter," was the verdict of the jury in the case of Mrs. Mattie Kirby, W. C. T. U. worker, charged with the murder of the infant son of her unmarried daughter. A sealed verdict was returned Saturday night but was not read until today. Mrs. Kirby will be sentenced next week.

REPORT DENIED

Paris, Dec. 19.—A report sent out from London today that Premier Briand had notified George Harvey, the American ambassador to England, that France had accepted Secretary Hughes' program for French naval reduction was officially denied this afternoon.

WHO SAID DISARMAMENT? SURELY NOT THESE FIGHTERS



This photo shows that soldiers of some nations are not very familiar with the Arms Conference going on in Washington. Potential disarmament means nothing in their lives. The fighters pictured are Greek infantrymen in action against Turkish nationalists in Asia Minor, one of the few wars now going on.

"Coward or Martyr" Is Question Again Asked By Germany of Former Kaiser

Berlin, Dec. 19.—"Coward or martyr?" is again the burning question confronting the German nation today following the publication of the ex-kaiser's correspondence with Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in which the former emperor "passed the buck" for his flight into Holland following the collapse of the German army.

Publication of the letters was designed to prove William was not guilty of cowardice in fleeing from Germany and that he had attempted to prevent the war.

The entire nationalist press has accepted all the statements in the letters as true and is fairly revealing in eulogies of the "noble sacrifice" of the former war lord.

The only jarring note was sounded by some of the junker newspapers, which expressed the opinion that the ex-kaiser's place at the moment of the nation's gravest peril was at the head of the army.

The junker papers put responsibility upon Von Hindenburg for proposing the ex-kaiser's flight, but say that the advice should not have been taken.

Leaders of the junker faction characterize the revelation as "Hindenburg's Christmas present to the nation." It has come as a shock, however, in view of the fact that it was sprung at the hour of Germany's admitted bankruptcy and on the eve of the conference of Premier Lloyd George and Premier Briand in London.

It is feared that the correspondence will furnish ammunition to the French irreconcilables.

As to Hindenburg, his unshakable loyalty to his old sovereign is

universally admitted. Even enemies of the aged veteran praise his devotion.

Impartial critics not allied with the nationalist-junker groups contend that the ex-kaiser's flight was an unpardonable mistake, and they argue that, instead of averting internal bloodshed, it was the straw that broke the camel's back—the camel being Prussian army discipline. With the war lord gone the bottom dropped out.

The opinion was widely held that while the kaiser's correspondence might soften the bitterness against him it was not sufficient to create any sympathy in his behalf or raise any desire for his return.

It was freely admitted that Germany—now a land of apathy indifference and uncertainties, is through with William and the former crown prince, his son.

An indication of the general tenor of sentiment was the action of the reichstag in rejecting, by a large majority, a resolution to retain the old imperial standard over Germany's merchant ships. The resolution was sponsored by members animated first by loyalty to the old regime and second by sentiment.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's letter to the ex-kaiser and the latter's reply which were exchanged last spring, were carried by the I. N. S. on Saturday night.

In his letter, sent late late in March, Hindenburg declared that Germany's representatives had been blackmailed into admitting Germany's war guilt, adding:

"During my long military service, I had the good fortune and honor to come in close personal relations with your majesty. I know that your majesty's work and endeavor during your whole period of rule served to maintain the peace. In his reply on April 5, the ex-kaiser said in part:

"As you know I wrestled my way to the heavy, frightful decision to leave the country only on the urgent representations of you and of my other responsible advisers that in this way alone would it be possible to obtain more favorable armistice conditions for our country and spare it bloody civil war. The sacrifice has been in vain."

"Had we ever had warlike intentions we would have acted in 1900 when England was tied up by the Boer war or in 1905 when Russia was tied up by the Japanese war."

RAILROADS ON TRIAL BEFORE LABOR BOARD

Allege Violation of Transportation Act in Charges Preferred.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Nine railroads virtually went on trial before the U. S. Railway Labor Board today for alleged violation of the transportation act by "farming out" to private contractors repair and maintenance work. Charges against the roads have been brought by the Federated Shop Crafts and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employees.

The unions contend that the practice of "farm out" work is a subterfuge through which the roads are evading orders of the labor board with regard to wages and working conditions. The private contractors do not come under the jurisdiction of the labor board.

Frank P. Walsh, attorney for the unions, who presented their case before the board, declared the railroads "are in a conspiracy to avoid the provisions of the transportation act so far as it safeguards the rights of railway employees and the public. If they succeed in this venture it will mean the absolute destruction of the labor board."

Among the roads accused is the Erie, which is alleged to have let out maintenance of way work on several hundred miles of track and to have leased its repair shops at Hornell, N. Y. The Chicago and Great Western is said to have "farmed out" repair work in its shops at South Park, Minn. Complaints have been filed by the maintenance of way unions against the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul; the Indian Harbor Belt railway; the Colorado and Southern and the St. Louis and San Francisco railway.

The Pittsburgh and Lake Erie and the Great Northern railroad have been accused also by the American Federation of Railroad workers and the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers.

Union leaders allege that the contractors in many instances have arbitrarily reduced wages below the scale fixed by the labor board.

PREMIERS DISCUSS EUROPE'S FINANCIAL SITUATION MONDAY

Lloyd George and Briand Confer in London—German Arrives.

London, Dec. 19.—The European financial situation was taken up first when the conference between Premier Lloyd George and Premier Briand began at 10 Downing Street today. Others present were Sir Robert Horne, British chancellor of the exchequer; Louis Loucheur, French reparations expert and Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the house of commons.

The arrival of Walter Rathenau from Berlin just as the conference opened caused much surprise and speculation. Rathenau, formerly minister of reconstruction in the German cabinet, recently visited London in an unsuccessful quest for credits. He is said to have returned upon direct invitation from Premier Lloyd George who wished to have expert German opinion regarding both the general question of indemnity and Germany's default on the January payment.

It is expected that the conference will last three days and that issues raised by the Washington conference and the near east will be canvassed in the meantime. The near east discussions hinge upon France's treaty with the Turkish nationalists in face of British opposition. The bulk of the deliberations, however, will deal with the financial situation and especially the economic position of Central Europe. Rathenau probably will be called into the meeting tomorrow afternoon.

CONGRESS TO TAKE RECESS THURSDAY UNTIL JANUARY 3

All Chance of Disposing of Foreign Debt Bill Now Gone.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Congress will take a holiday recess Thursday until January 3, with considerable "unfinished business" cluttering the senate calendar.

All chance of the foreign debt finding bill being disposed before the new year, has vanished.

The senate finance committee intends to wind up its hearings on the tariff bill this week, but it does not expect to be able to report a rewritten tariff measure before February or March.

The Ford-Newberry election controversy is to go over until January. A special senate committee will resume tomorrow its investigation of the charges made by Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, that American soldiers were illegally executed and otherwise inhumanly treated in France during the world war.

EXPLOSIVE LETS GO; ONE KILLED

Oil City, Pa., Dec. 19.—Chas. Kirkwood was blown to bits today when seventy quarts of nitroglycerine he was hauling in a truck exploded a mile north of Rouseville, near here. Three houses, two of which were occupied were wrecked, according to first word received from the scene of the explosion. Kirkwood was taking the nitroglycerine to Eagle Rocks, Pa., where it was to be used in shooting an oil well.

WORK OF ARMS CONFERENCE THREATENED BY AMBITION OF FRENCH FOR POWERFUL NAVY

Program As Laid Down By Delegates Understood to Have Full Support of Government of France—Premier Briand Appealed to By Hughes.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Swift moving developments in the triangle formed by Washington, London and Paris, today foreshadowed the abandonment by France of her ambitious demand for a great naval building program, and her ultimate acceptance not later than the middle of the week of a naval ratio commensurate with her present strength.

Today's developments were these:

1—George Harvey, American ambassador to England announced in London that he had received formal assurance from Premier Briand in a personal conversation that France would accept the Hughes program.

2—The French delegation in Washington received a lengthy cablegram of instructions from Paris signed "Briand." The entire text of which has not been received.

3—In view of the temporary impasse, and until the French delegation receives complete instructions, the meeting of the powers today to discuss naval matters was postponed until tomorrow.

The 10-year building holiday to which Great Britain, the United States and Japan have already agreed. The French propose to scatter their building over a period of 15 years, so that by 1941 they would have a fleet of ten capital ships of the most advanced types, or considerably more of this type than any of the other nations will have.

Under the Hughes program, the United States will have three post-Jutland ships, Japan two and Great Britain two.

FRIENDS RALLY TO SUPPORT OF J. S. RUTLEDGE

Charges are Made Against State Officer By Welfare Director

Cleveland, Dec. 19.—With the removal of Rev. John S. Rutledge as supervising officer of the board of pardons and paroles scheduled to take place in Columbus today, friends of the accused official were rallying to his support against the charges made Saturday night by Director of Public Welfare Howard S. Macayel.

Methodist ministers of the city are to meet here today to take up the matter of his removal and, according to predictions made by prominent clergymen before the meeting a strong protest will be voiced against what is declared to be a "flimsy" excuse for removing a fearless and honest public official.

Fred H. Caley, secretary of the Cleveland automobile club declared that the "attempt to assassinate" Dr. Rutledge's character was "damnable" and called the charges made by Director Macayel "petty."

Dr. Rutledge reiterated today his declaration that he would not quit under fire. "I only value the office as it gives me an opportunity to do some good work for humanity," he declared this morning. "My conscience is absolutely clear, and I am guilty of no offense. My expense account has never represented my actual expenses, and I feel sure that the auditor's records will reveal the fact that many officials doing less traveling than myself have charged the state far more."

Governor Harry L. Davis who had expected to review the Rutledge case with Director Macayel at Columbus today, changed his plans and remained at his rooms at the Hotel Stader. It was stated that Macayel had been summoned here from his Akron home and that a conference between the governor and his cabinet member would be held immediately upon his arrival in Cleveland.

A direct charge that the old "pussey foot" methods which Governor Davis had promised to outlaw, were being used to obtain paroles of automobile thieves and others was also made by Secretary Caley of the automobile club.

As to the second charge that Dr. Rutledge was holding down two jobs Caley pointed out that Governor Davis is vice-president of the Davis Farley company, but that no one has raised any question of this division of interest.

An announcement that Rutledge is to be dismissed followed his refusal Saturday to resign under fire and the publication of charges by the advisory board, which met here. The charges against Rutledge stated he used his ministerial railroad pass to secure transportation at half fare and then collected the full amount from the state; that he is holding two jobs by acting as executive secretary of the Methodist Union here and that he has been negligent in the matter of releasing prisoners wanted for more serious offenses in other states.

Rutledge made a counter statement that political influence was being used to obtain paroles and that suggestions had been made to him to parole groups of prisoners without any publicity, which he declined to do.

EXPLOSION WRECKS CLEVELAND OFFICES

Cleveland, Dec. 19.—An explosion caused by an overheated hot water heater in a basement room, wrecked the offices of the Guardian Savings and Trust Company, 10300 Euclid Avenue late last night, and caused damage estimated at \$10,000.

Scores of police were rushed to the scene when it was reported that an attempt had been made to blow the vault of the bank.

The force of the blast demolished doors and broke a dozen or more plate glass windows in the Crystal market arcade.

SPANIARDS START GREAT OFFENSIVE

Madrid, Dec. 19.—The biggest offensive yet undertaken by the Spanish against the rebellious tribes in Morocco is under way today, said advices from Melilla to the war office.

Three columns of 10,000 men each are advancing from Tetuan, Ceuta and Larash against the Beniarios, the most fanatical of the warring natives.

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NEW INDEPENDENT BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS WEDNESDAY

The newly organized basketball team playing under the name of the Borings, will open its season officially at the rink, Wednesday night with the crack National Cash Register Company five from Dayton.

The local team when originally organized feared that it would be forced to play Sunday ball because of inability to secure a week-day date for games. Later it was learned that through a cancelled contract, Wednesday night will be open, and the Borings will play their weekly round set-tos on that evening in the future.

In meeting the N. C. R. five the new quintet will have its hands full. The Dayton five boasts of such players as Schlemmer, Menkel and Engler at the forwards, Clayton at center and Middleton and Sucher at the guards, and have added Coulter guard of All-Ohio standing in 1916-1917 to the roster. This same five won the Dayton Industrial League Championship during the 1920 and 1921 season and has the same line-up almost intact.

The locals have been practicing hard for several weeks and will probably line-up with "Yank" Stephens and Muterspaw at the forwards, Cox at center and Owens, Curlett and Solowitz at the guards. All of these basket tossers are well known to local fans and are promising the brand of basketball they have exhibited with various combinations in the past.

Tickets for high school students at the price of 25 cents for boys and 15 cents for girls will be on sale at Boring's book store before the game, and the door price will be 50 cents for men and 25 cents for women.

CONDUCTS PROBE OF REMOVAL OF HEAD OF HOME

C. L. Darlington of this city, Commander of the state department of the American Legion, conducted an investigation in Dayton, Saturday, of the removal of Col. Bury as head of the National Military Home there and his transfer to a similar post at Danville, Ill.

In the course of his investigation Mr. Darlington interviewed George Wood, head of the board which controls the home, regarding newspaper accounts that politics was involved in the transfer. Organizations of citizens have protested the transfer and a petition against the removal filed by members of the Dayton Legion, led to the investigation conducted by the state commander, who issued a lengthy statement following his interview, in regard to the conditions.

Mr. Darlington announced that Dr. B. R. McClellan, of this city, who is head of the state hospital committee of the Legion, would conduct an inspection of the Home Hospital, Monday.

IS WELL RECEIVED IN MILWAUKEE

Ralph Thomas, Dayton tenor, and a nephew of Miss Jennie Thomas, of this city, was well received when he appeared in Milwaukee recently. The following press notice appeared in the Milwaukee Sentinel following Mr. Thomas' concert:

"Mr. Thomas is a newcomer to Milwaukee, and made plenty of friends, Thursday evening. His voice is a lyric tenor, sweet in quality and beautifully cultivated. He knows how to sing, a thing that is far too rare these days, and although the voice is not powerful it carries splendidly. He was suffering from a slight cold, but that did not prevent his doing exceptional work. His arias were sung with understanding and distinction, the old 'pur di cesti' of Loti, being a gem of bravura interpretation. Tipton's 'Spirit Flowers and Adoration' were given with distinction, and 'Travlin' de Grave' caught the audience at once."

East End News

Mrs. Victoria Smith, East Main Street, suffered Saturday night from a severe attack of acute indigestion. She is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Charles Wright, of Columbus Ave., entertained at her home the Married Ladies' Afternoon Club on Friday. The program and luncheon after the business hour were in accord with the Christmas season.

Mrs. Ruth Jackson who has been at the home of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. James Harris of East Market Street, has recovered so much as to return to her home on North Columbus Ave.

Mrs. B. H. Booth was a business visitor in Dayton, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tibbs received word from their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buford, of Langston, Okla., that Mr. Buford is now in the hospital in Guthrie, Okla., for treatment with the hope that he will soon entirely recover.

The cantata entitled "The Minister's Wife" will be rendered at Zion Baptist Church, Dec. 25.

HENRY CLEWS

Weekly Financial Review

General recognition of the successful prospects of the Arms Conference and evident approaches to a plan of joint action on international debts represent important elements of financial progress during the past week. They fully account for the decided advances that have taken place in foreign exchange, especially when it is remembered that figures for the past two months show a steady growth in the power of various European countries to export. This is particularly true of Great Britain, which now at last is recovering from the effects of the coal strike.

Economic Policies in Congress

These brighter international prospects are not altogether reflected in Congress. There is now what seems to be an almost positive assurance that the original soldiers' bonus bill of last session will be adopted. Statements to this effect have been made without qualification by Senate leaders. Such action necessarily means new taxation, and hence the offering of a sales tax bill in the House. This bill stands a good chance of becoming law if the outlays under the bonus measure are not provided for out of some other fund. A favorite suggestion in Congress today is that of paying them out of the funds collected from foreign countries on debt account. This, of course, is imagination or political deception, since even at the best no early collections of such interest payments can be looked for. Some of the foreign countries have in fact indicated that they cannot comply with the refunding terms suggested in the pending legislation. Until this question is settled there will necessarily be more or less disturbance of foreign exchange quotations. A bonus paid through fresh bond issues would damage the improved status of public credit most seriously.

Railroad Rates and Values

A beginning has been made by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its inquiry into railroad rates. Meanwhile the Labor Board has ruled that ten hours' work will constitute a day's labor at normal rates while the roads have given notice of a reduction in the wages paid at the present time. Announced reductions of a sweeping character in the amount of employment given by such roads as the B. & O.—attributed expressly to business depression—naturally cause a feeling of hesitation among investors which is only partly offset by continued reports of good earnings statements that operating expenses are being cut and that the volume of traffic is showing improvement. The declaration of its dividend by the Northwestern road, as well as similar action in other directions, has had a generally beneficial effect upon current prices. Values of railroad securities have on the whole maintained themselves very well, notwithstanding this mixed situation. The outcome of the commission's rate investigation, will, however, have a large effect on the securities of the roads as investments because it should materially assist in settling the question whether the roads are in a dividend-paying condition or not, and if not, what rate policies should be followed with respect to them.

Favorable Industrial Reports

Although the report of the U. S. Steel Corporation as made public at the beginning of the next week, showed a very slight falling off in the amount of unfilled orders, the total shrinkage being 26,000 tons, the amount is so small as compared with the shrinkage of the preceding month (October) as to be of no importance. Particularly is this true in view of the fact that the new business which the company is getting at last on a better scale than has prevailed for many months. Independent steel companies are also in a more favorable state, so that the outlook for the trade, although naturally affected by seasonal depression at this time of the year, is exceptionally favorable. Prices for cotton goods have also remained stable, notwithstanding the very liberal increase in the Government's crop estimate, and this fact tends to encourage progress in the textile sections where there had been some tendency to hold off on account of fear that the price situation had been left very uncertain by the spinning report. In wool and other textiles improvement also continues to be noted. Copper and allied industrial shares are strong as a result of the continued working off of surplus stocks and reduction of costs, both of which factors operate to further the advance of prices on the exchanges.

The Financial Prospect

Committees of the American Bankers' Association have been carefully reviewing the banking prospects with a view to reaching conclusions as to the action, if any, called for by the joint interests of the banking community. It is found that a very considerable volume of frozen loans still exists in many parts of the country, the effect being to hold up further progress in liquidation until after the next season's crop. This leaves a number of small banks fairly closely dependent upon their city correspondents, which will have to carry them, and which need not therefore expect further release of funds from these sources. In spite of this fact, which points to a belief that the backward movement of funds toward the cities usually still active at this season of the year, has reached its limit, there has been a very substantial amount of money available for investment purposes, with the result of maintaining moderate rates. Rumors concerning a further reduction of rates of discount at reserve banks apparently have no foundation and are officially denied, yet the continued shrinking of the loans of Federal Reserve banks at the same time their reserves accumulate out of proportion to needs, seems to show that the pressure for lower rates may be expected to continue.

Market Review and Outlook

The market has displayed good strength in spots but still lacks the impetus of strong outside buying. Some of the financially weak companies have shown heaviness while others in a dividend-paying condition or stocks like the coppers, for reasons of their own, have exhibited

firmness. Rail stocks have naturally been uncertain in their movements due to the conflicting currents caused by the important railroad news of the week. There has been a paucity of offerings in nearly all lines, most share owners believing that the outlook is bright enough to be the correct attitude to take, as the market is in a healthy position, and aided by liberal supplies of money, ought to work higher for stocks of companies that are undoubtedly sound.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD SATURDAY

Funeral services for Frank Hupman were held at the home at 220 West Main Street, Saturday afternoon at one thirty o'clock, in charge of the Rev. B. W. Middleton, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Miss Imo Marshall and the Rev. Middleton sang two hymns, "Asleep in Jesus," and "Jesus, Savior Pilot Me." Pallbearers were Harvey, Charles and Christopher Hupman and Wilson Street, Wilson Davis and T. H. Ledbetter. Interment was made at Woodland cemetery.

MARY M. LANG

Funeral services for Mary Margaret Lang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lang were held at the home on Pleasant street, Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. E. W. Middleton, pastor of the First Reformed church. Pallbearers were Edwin, Carl and

Philip Buck and John Lang. Burial was made at Woodland cemetery.

WILLIAM HARTINGER

Funeral services for William Hartinger, infant son of Dr. and Mrs. Hartinger, were held at the parents home in Spring Valley, Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, in charge of the Rev. W. C. Hartinger, pastor of the First M. B. Church, of Columbus, and an uncle of Dr. Hartinger. The Rev. Hartinger was assisted by the Rev. Culp, the Rev. Scarff and the Rev. Collins. A quartette composed of Arch and William Copey, Carl Smith and William Crites sang, "Some Day We'll Understand," and "Jewels," accompanied by Mrs. Carl Smith. Pallbearers were Dorothy and Harriet Weller, Laura Copey and Sarah Harner. Interment was made at Spring Valley.

JESSE L. SHEETS

Funeral services for Jesse L. Sheets were held at the home at 43 Bellbrook avenue, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. B. B. Uhl, pastor of the Lutheran Church. Members of Joseph P. Floody Post, No. 95, American Legion, acted as pallbearers. Burial was made at Woodland cemetery, where the American Legion Post, held their ritualistic services.

MAY OPEN GRAVEL PLANT

Urbana, Dec. 19.—F. C. Coppock, president and general manager; G. C. Baker, vice president and W. S. Moore, assistant manager of the Greenville Gravel Co., came to Urbana Thursday to confer with officials of the Pennsylvania and Erie railroad companies relative to the opening of a huge gravel pit on the John Muzzy farm just southwest of the Urbana corporation line.

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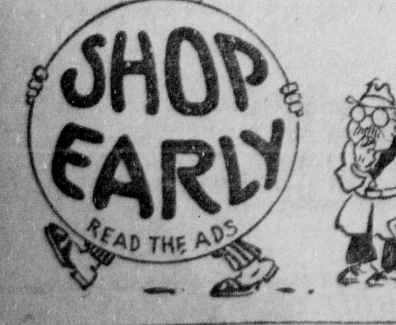
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Social and Personal

INTERESTING ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED AT LUNCHEON.

The engagement of Miss Olive Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Owens, of East Second street, this city, and Mr. J. Phillip Buck, son of Mr. Charles Buck, was announced at a number of Miss Owens' friends, at an attractive luncheon, given by Mrs. Virgil B. Allen, at her home at 1472 Park Avenue, Dayton, Saturday.

A profusion of smilax and holly, a suggestion of the approach of Christmas, was used effectively in the decorations of the rooms.

The announcement of the engagement, the principal feature of the affair, was made in a novel way. Upon the place cards, on the luncheon tables, numbers were given, for each guest to call over the miniature telephone at each cover. The last given to Mrs. Allen, gave the number "2-2 Spring It," which divulged "two" to mean Miss Owens, and Mr. Buck, and the other "two" at February, the month when their marriage will take place.

The luncheon table was daintily laid, with a large Christmas bell as a centerpiece, to which red ribbons, were tied, and attached to the small telephones. A two course luncheon was served.

Mrs. Allen's guest list included the Misses Mary Alexander, Edith Fudge, Florence McGaughey, Eldnor McDaniels, Olive H. Huston, Thelma Powell, Mrs. James Leakey, of this city, and Miss Lucile Wones, and Miss Maude A. Milburn, of Dayton.

ATTEND RECEPTION FOR SUPREME COMMANDER

Several hundred persons attended the reception for Miss Bina M. West of Port Huron, Mich., Supreme Commander of the Woman's Benefit Association, which was held in the ball room of the Miami Hotel, Friday evening. Members from Springfield, Piqua, Franklin, Tippecanoe, Xenia and Eureka Chapters were present.

Miss West is a woman of charming personality and gave an interesting talk on the founding of the Order Her work started in 1892 with a debt of \$150 but she has carefully supervised the disbursement and invested in safe municipal bonds, until today the order is worth \$40,000.000.

Another interesting talk was also given by her concerning the Marathon trip which will be taken in 1923. Any member who is able to write up \$49,000 worth of insurance is entitled to this trip which will take them across the continent to Los Angeles, Cal., on special trains with all expenses paid.

Miss West was chosen by President Harding for a place on the advisory committee on limitation of armament.

Fancy flower drills were given by the Piqua and Springfield guard teams.

Thirty four candidates were initiated into the order and were welcomed by Miss West which was quite an honor, as this is only the second visit of the Supreme Commander to this district in twenty years.

Mrs. Nellie C. V. Heppart of Akron, State Commander and Mrs. Nettie Sullivan of Lima, Ohio District Deputy were present.

Local ladies who attended were Mrs. John Fudge, Mrs. Hugh McFadden, Mrs. G. H. Fuller, Miss Dorothy Fuller and Mrs. Frank L. Bath.

DINNER PARTY FOR HOUSE GUEST

Mrs. H. L. Sayre entertained at a prettily appointed dinner at her home on North King Street, Friday evening, given for the pleasure of Miss Pauline Davis, the houseguest of Miss Alice Rinck.

Covers were laid for ten guests. Miss Lois Benbow will arrive Tuesday from Ohio Wesleyan University to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Benbow.

Miss Mary Smith, of the nurses' training school of Miami University, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Smith, of Cleator.

Look right for Xmas. Clothing called for and delivered. Keyes & Horen. Bell 401-W. Gazette Bldg. Open evenings. 12-19

The Eleazar Church will give a Christmas entertainment at the church Friday evening, when the Sunday School members will give a playlet. The church members are inviting their friends to attend the program.

Open evenings all this week. Say it electrically. W. C. W. Co. 12-19

There will be an important meeting of Xenia Council, No. 1801, Knights of Columbus, at the club rooms Tuesday evening, according to Grand Knight J. T. Hibbert. The meeting will be called at eight o'clock.

See C. A. Kelble's big Xmas ad in this paper on this page. 12-19

Miss Pauline Davis of Lynnville, North Carolina, who has been the guest of Miss Alice Rinck, for several days, left Sunday for Orlando Beach, Fla., where she will spend the winter.

Poultry Wanted—I will pay top prices for good heavy poultry. Call at my expense. Wm. Marshall, phone 164, Cedarville, Ohio. 12-19, 20

J. B. Mark, of Washington C. H., spent the week end in this city, with Mrs. Mark, who is visiting Mrs. George L. White.

Poultry Wanted—Guineas, pigeons heavy poultry, ducks and geese. Wm. Marshall, phone 164, Cedarville, Ohio. 12-19, 20

Miss Anita Moser arrived Saturday from Western College at Oxford, Ohio, to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Moser.

For Rent: Furnished room all conveniences. Apply 320 E. Main St. 12-19

Children of the First Presbyterian Church will practice Thursday and Wednesday afternoons at four o'clock 12-19

Mr. and Mrs. James Grube, and daughter, Peggy, of Toledo, will arrive Tuesday, to spend Christmas with Mr. Grube's parents Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Grube.

If tone counts, buy a Brunswick. 12-19, 20, 21

John T. Harbise, Sr., is quite ill at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Cherry, on East Main street, suffering from intestinal trouble.

Lost, Brindle and white Boston bull terrier. Reward. Call either phone 16. 12-19

Mrs. Margaret M. Crahn is confined to her home on West Main street suffering from a complication of diseases.

Open evenings all week. Babb's Hardware Store. 12-19

George Metty, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Espy Hospital recently returned to his home on Cincinnati avenue, Monday.

Pyrex and mountings at Babb's. 12-19

GET IT AT DONGES.

Mrs. Elbert Babb returned Sunday from the south where she visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Gilliland, for the past five weeks, spending some time at Deland, and Miami, Fla. Miss Lois Babb who has been in Florida, for several weeks remained and her mother, Mrs. C. L. Babb is leaving Tuesday for Miami, where she will join Miss Babb, to spend the remaining winter months.

Gifts of quality at Babb's. 12-19

Miss Jean Whittington left Monday for Lima, Ohio, where she will join her grandfather, Dr. C. A. Files, and will leave for Chicago to spend a few days.

Gifts of Aluminum ware at Babb's. 12-19

John J. Wolford arrived Saturday from Miami University, Oxford, to spend a two weeks vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wolford of the Jamestown pike.

Pocket knives, razors, strops, hones etc., at Babb's. 12-19

Carl Higley who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the McClellan Hospital some time ago has recovered and was removed to his home on High street, Saturday.

Shears, scissors for gifts at Babb's. 12-19

Miss Lois Mallow arrived Saturday from Miami University to spend the holiday vacation at her home on the Belbrooke pike.

Big reductions on diamonds. Tiffany Jewelry Store. 12-19, 21, 23

Kitchen cutlery gift sets at Babb's. 12-19

Little Dorothy Kingsbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Kingsbury who has been seriously ill for some time, is improving rapidly.

Winchester flashlights at Babb's. 12-19

Miss Josephine Armstrong has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Armstrong. Miss Armstrong attends Miami University.

Gift selections in manual training tools at Babb's. 12-19

Miss Louise Parrett of Miami University is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Parrett, of West Third Street.

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Miss Katherine Hollencamp, of Miami University is spending the Christmas holidays at her home in this city.

Open evenings until Christmas. Tiffany Jewelry Store. 12-19, 21, 23

Miss Grace Kiernan is among the students of Miami University who are spending the holiday season in this city.

Pearl and fancy beads at 1/2 price. Tiffany Jewelry Store. 12-19, 21, 23

Miss Margaret O'Conner, instructor in household arts, at Miami University, has arrived to spend the Christmas vacation with her mother Mrs. Mary O'Conner, of Dayton Avenue.

25% off on all Ivory. Tiffany Jewelry Store. 12-19, 21, 23

STRIKERS AND TROOPS CLASH

Pittsburgh, Kas., Dec. 19.—Reports that the "amazon army" was again on the march, created an uproar throughout the coal fields today. State troops barricaded behind machine guns, mounted on trucks, were rushed to the four quarters of the district.

No enemy forces of petticoat marchers could be found, however. The first clash between troops and strikers occurred this morning at Central Mine No. 48, near Cherokee. Five hundred strikers advanced on the mine but broke and fled when troops charged them. The mine was not working and the motive of the strikers could not be learned.

UNION CARPENTERS TO STAGE BANQUET

The local union, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, No. 2408 will give a banquet at the Red Men's hall, Wednesday evening, for the members of the order and their friends.

The banquet which is free, will be served at 8:30 o'clock and all are invited. About one hundred are expected to attend the affair.

Following the banquet, a social time will be enjoyed, music to be furnished by the Lodge nine piece orchestra.

LOCAL DENTIST TO BE GUEST OF CLUB IN DAYTON MONDAY

Dr. W. H. Silko, of this city, will be an honor guest at a dinner, Monday evening, at the Dayton Shrine Club, when the Miami Valley Dental Society will be hosts to eight dentists whose combined record of service totals more than 30 years.

Besides Dr. Silko, the honor guests will all be Dayton dentists: Drs. W. E. Tizzard, L. C. Adams, A. T. Whiteside, L. E. Custer, H. A. Hubbard, J. M. Chase and Horace E. Story. Dr. Tizzard has the longest record of service, 50 years, while Dr. L. C. Adams is next with 48 years, Dr. Whiteside, with 47 years, and Dr. Silko 45 years. The other four have been practicing at least 30 years.

At the dinner, the eight dentists will be presented with certificates reading like this: "This is to certify that Dr. _____ has been active in the dental profession for thirty years or more, has contributed to the cause of humanity and in honoring himself, has honored us."

Dr. O. B. Kneisley, member of the society, and Dayton city commissioner-elect, will give a eulogy at the dinner, and Dr. Chase will respond for the honor guests. Dr. H. L. Oliver will be toastmaster. One hundred dentists are expected to attend the meeting.

BASKETBALL TEAM SHOWS GOOD FORM

Under the coaching of Major Heller, the Cadet basketball team of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home is showing rare court form this season.

The Cadet quintet will meet the Dayton Pirates, formerly the Olympics at the Armory Hall at the Home, Thursday night, in which is expected to be a stiff game and will take on another serious conflict a week from next Saturday when they meet the East Side Merchants of Dayton, at Dayton.

"If we come through these two games with victories we will not need to be afraid of the rest of the schedule," said Coach Heller. Monday, Efforts are now being made to enter the Home five in the Greene county high school tournament, and if these efforts are successful it will be the first time the Home five has ever contested for county supremacy on the court.

ROBBERS BUSY IN CINCINNATI

Cincinnati, Dec. 19.—Robbers were busy in Cincinnati this morning. At the Fox moving picture theatre three bandits bound and gagged the night watchman and engineer, bound two workmen and robbed the box office safe of \$1400 and escaped, leaving a box of small change scattered on the floor. The robbery occurred between 7 and 8 o'clock.

PRINCESS MARY'S FUTURE FATHER AND MOTHER-IN-LAW



EARL and COUNTESS OF HAREWOOD

The Earl and Countess of Harewood, father and mother of Viscount Lascelles, Princess Mary's fiancé.

SENATE TO DEMAND RESERVATIONS FOR FOUR-POWER PACT

Would Clarify Article On Use of Armed Forces Abroad.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senatorial critics of the new four-power Pacific treaty are going to demand that reservations be attached to the agreement to make it clear that the use of armed force is not implied under article two. It was learned today from opponents of the pact. It is likely that these reservations will be of a character similar to those proposed for article ten of the covenant of the league of nations.

Senators opposed to the treaty declared they would not rest content with a mere statement by republican leaders that the treaty would not bind the United States to employ its military and naval forces to go to the aid of Great Britain, France or Japan in case the territorial integrity of any of these nations in the Pacific is menaced.

They would seek to have the treaty amended textually, or a reservation attached to it, so such use of American military and naval forces would be forbidden without the sanction of congress.

ASK FOR TICKETS

The Greene County Fish and Game Protective Association is asking members whose tickets were not taken at the banquet last week, or who did not pay their money at the door, to pay their plate subscription either to R. H. Kingsbury, secretary or to L. F. Clevenger, president.

After the diners were seated, men went between the tables collecting the tickets or the money, but it is understood by Association officers that some were missed. They are asked to pay as soon as possible.

XENIA MAY HAVE NEW PICTURE HOUSE IN NEAR FUTURE

Xenia may have a new picture show theater if plans under consideration by the Standard Amusement Company are carried out.

The company which controls bookings at the opera house, is planning to open that theater as a picture house after the first of the year, and is at present negotiating with a Cincinnati concern for two new picture machines and a new curtain.

It is the plan of the company to show only first release pictures of the best type, and to exhibit only feature pictures. If the plans are carried out the theater will be known as "The Shiek," big Paramount release, that has been playing at top prices in the cities and drawing big crowds.

Only this type of movies will be attempted and popular prices will prevail as compared with city prices.

BRILL BROTHERS TEAM WINNERS

Re-enforcements acquired by the Jamestown Nationals fell short of assisting them to defeat the Beaver Cadets of Alpha, Saturday night, at Jamestown, the famous Brill brothers basketballers winning out 25-13.

The Nationals re-enforced their team for the combat with a number of added stars, including several from this city. The Cadets have won three games easily so far and are now anxious to book with a stronger team. The Boring's offered them a game here soon under the same terms that the Cadets went to Jamestown, but they are unwilling to come here for the same guarantee.

PRESIDENT OF WORLD'S PRESS CONGRESS RECEIVES CUP FROM CHINESE DELEGATE.



Exclusive photo of Dean Williams, President of the

World's Press Congress in session in Honolulu receiving a cup from Hollington K. Tong, a Chinese delegate, as China's gift. Members of the Press from all over the world attended the Congress.

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TEXT OF THE TREATY.

The United States of America, the British Empire, France and Japan, with a view to the preservation of the general peace and the maintenance of their rights in relation to their insular possessions and insular dominions in the regions of the Pacific Ocean, have determined to conclude a treaty to this effect and have appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States of America.

His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British dominions beyond the seas, Emperor of India.

And for the Dominion of Canada.

For the Commonwealth of Australia,

For the Dominion of New Zealand,

For India.

The President of the French Republic.

His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

Who having communicated their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The high contracting parties agree as between themselves to respect their rights in relation to their insular possessions and insular dominions in the regions of the Pacific Ocean.

If there should develop between any of the high contracting parties a controversy arising out of any Pacific question and involving their said rights which is not satisfactorily settled by diplomacy and is likely to affect the harmonious accord now happily subsisting between them, they shall invite the high contracting parties to a joint conference, to which the whole subject will be referred for consideration and adjustment.

ARTICLE II

If the said rights are threatened by the aggressive action of any other power, the high contracting parties shall communicate with one another fully and frankly in order to arrive at an understanding as to the most efficient measures to be taken, jointly and separately, to meet the exigencies of the particular situation.

ARTICLE III

This agreement shall remain in force for ten years from the time it shall take effect, and after the expiration of said period it shall continue to be in force subject to the right of any of the high contracting parties to terminate it upon twelve months' notice.

ARTICLE IV

This agreement shall be ratified as soon as possible in accordance with the constitutional methods of the high contracting parties, and shall take effect on the deposit of ratifications, which shall take place at Washington and thereupon the agreement between Great Britain and Japan which was concluded at London on July 13, 1911, shall terminate.

THE TREATY TAKES THE TEETH FROM THE IMPERIALISTIC AMBITIONS OF JAPAN.

The four power Pacific treaty is not an alliance. It is not a league or association of nations. It does not entangle the United States in issues or conditions not fundamentally American. It decreases rather than increases the menace of war involving the United States. In all this the treaty differs fundamentally with the covenant of the league of nations.

This compact does not differ in character from treaties this nation has hitherto executed. It represents no departure from American traditions. While the benefits to the arrangement may in some quarters be over-estimated, there are no perils lurking in the treaty justifying the opposition of those who refused to approve the league of nations, because it involved American entanglement in "the collisions and collisions of European politics."

The settlement of the status of China, with an assurance of the preservation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of that vast republic, is of prime importance to America. The people of this country believe that the only serious danger of war involving the United States arises from the imperialistic ambitions of Japan, a swiftly growing militaristic and navalistic nation, with strong designs on territorial expansion, as evidenced by the developments of recent years on the Asiatic mainland. The determination of the United States to prevent unlimited Asiatic immigration, the resentment of that policy by Japan, the growth of Japanese population in Hawaii, in Mexico, Central America and South America, all combined to create a situation under which war between Japan and the United States has been a subject of general thought and discussion. Thoughtful Americans believed that if Japan were given opportunity to dominate and exploit China, with all her rich resources and huge population, we would within a few years confront a real menace on the Pacific, and one from which we could not escape by retreat.

THE PEOPLE'S POWER.

Portugal's views on naval limitation do not break into the headlines. Portugal's place at the conference is inconspicuous. It has only one delegate at the big table in Washington, yet that delegate made a speech the other day which deserves special notice. It was:

"I can say no more than to express the deep sympathy that the nation I represent has in the laudable objects that have brought this conference together. There is but one foe to the full achievement of these objects—national egotism. Should national egotism lead us astray, let us remember that great as is the power of the governments of the world that we represent, far greater still is that of the submerged millions whose every feeling was outraged by the intolerable anguish suffered during the great war, and who will call us strictly to account, should we fail, through our deliberations, to lead them at least one step nearer to a state of enduring peace."

It is well for the submerged millions to remember their power and to hold to their faith, hope and determination until the step is taken.

WONDER IF SOME FOLKS DON'T WISH THEY'D BEEN GOOD LITTLE BOYS AND GONE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



1901--Twenty Years Ago--1921

Harry Smith, of Indianapolis, is spending the holiday season as the guest of friends in the city.

Mrs. John Dodds was the guest of Springfield friends yesterday.

Mr. Charles J. Buck has been quite sick but is improving and will be able to be out in a few days.

Messrs Fred Kelly, Harry Smith and Berton Ebright arrived this morning, from the University of Michigan, to spend the holidays

at their homes, here.

The friends of Mr. Ray Zell, the genial drayman, are glad to see him out again after having been confined to his home for the past five weeks, suffering from rheumatism.

Mr. Seth White has taken charge of the painting department at White's wall paper store. Mr. White has been employed as a painter at the Barney & Smith car shops in Dayton, and is an experienced painter.



A Column for Card Players and Question Box—Conducted by Hoyle, Jr.

Address questions about any game to Hoyle, Jr., The Daily Gazette or Morning Republican. Answers will be mailed promptly. No questions answered unless signed with name and address.

Do You Play Auction Bridge?

Come on in. The Game is fine. They all are doing it.

Without unity and team work in bidding, Auction Bridge can never be made an interesting or a brilliant game.

The rules given here for bidding should, in a measure, be memorized, so that even when playing with a stranger, he has the right to assume that your bidding is along the lines generally accepted as conventional and standard.

In considering a spade or heart make, the dealer should be influenced by the general strength of the hand, and by the number of honors he holds in these suits.

Holding four or five honors, spades or hearts should be bid, unless there are four aces in the same hand.

A spade or heart bid with less than two honors is not advisable, unless the hand contains great strength in that suit, or strength in the other suits. Honor score made against the hand will usually exceed its trick value.

The opening bid of one spade or heart suggests the trump and two quick tricks toward the defeat of any opponent may make. In bidding this, hand should contain not less than four tricks, better five, with three of them in the trump suit.

The opening bid of two spades or hearts says control of that suit and quick trick in another suit. In bidding this, hand should contain not less than six tricks and six trumps, including high honors, for declarer is usually left in his bid.

The opening bid of three or four spades or hearts positively demands that suit. It shows a willingness to play that suit, and a desire to shut out an adverse informative bid of adversaries. In bidding this, hand should contain seven tricks and seven trumps, including high honors and a practical surety of making game with but slight assistance from partner.

It is advisable in a suit bid to hold a top honor at least, but the state of the score will often justify a bid of a long holding and the under honors at hand.

Standard for Major Suit Bid

A one bid demands:

1. Five or more, headed by A. K., A. Q., or K. Q., and one quick trick in a side suit.
2. Five or more, headed by A. or K. J., and 1-2 quick tricks in a side

3. Five or more, headed by K. or Q., and two quick tricks in a side suit.
4. Two big demands:

1. Five or more, headed by four honors and one quick trick in a side suit.
2. Six or more, headed by A. K., A. Q. J., or K. O. J., and one quick trick in a side suit.

A Three or Four Bid demands:

An unusual hand, very strong and long holding, with chance for game. Never count a singleton in the strong trump hand as a trick winner. It will prevent an adverse run of that suit only at the cost of a winning trump, and may prove a great source of weakness, as each lead of that suit by adversaries threatens your control of the trump situation by the force.

Never overlook the advantage of a singleton in the weak hand, as it will usually prove valuable as a trick winner, especially if you hold three or four small trumps.

Standard for Spade or Heart Make

1. Six and three honors, even though they are the under honors.
2. Five and two top honors, and trick in another suit.
3. Five and three top honors.
4. Four, all honors.
5. Four, three honors and tricks in other suits.
6. Any seven of the spade or heart is a much disputed make as the original or free bid.

Questions and Answers

Q. What is a Quick Trick?
A. What is One-half Quick Trick?
A. Any Ace of any suit.
A. A guarded King. It is known as "one-half a quick trick" because it will win quickly about half the time.
Q. Why are four honors in one hand counted as an extra trick?
A. Because the honor count will offset a one trick setback.
Q. What is meant by Strong Suit?
A. A suit with three or four honors.
Q. What is meant by Long Suit?
A. A suit of five or more.

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Take Laxative BROMO QUININE tablets. The genuine bears the signature of E. W. Grove. (Be sure you get BROMO.) 30c.

Styles BY LENORE

One of the most difficult things to achieve in the Winter is a nice roomy comfortable coat for every day service that is not too dressy and yet is "different," and does not look like the sort of thing that

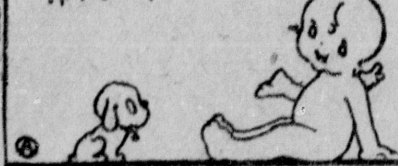


can be picked off any bargain rack. It is the type of coat that is in great demand by women of taste but moderate means for street and travel service.

In the sketch today I suggest a design that will meet these requirements because of its loose and interesting indefinite outlines. It is made of slate-colored cloth with a graceful collar that is just as attractive when worn open. It may be copied in brown, blue or black.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

Joy is much more real than pain. Its memory lives on and on, While no one thinks of pain that's past Except to realize it's gone.



Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason

MELANCHOLY.

The winter days are colder than any days should be; in one week I grow older than I should grow in three; oh, sorrow seems my potion, I'm full of sad emotion while rubbing Jimpson's lotion upon my starboard knee. I see the young ones playing and whooping with a will; they're skating and they're sleighing upon the icy hill; ah, would that I could follow and in the snowdrifts wallow! but I sit here and swallow Doc Ginger's Duplex Pill. Play on, oh youthful friskers, your youth will not endure! Soon you'll be wearing whiskers, and grief will dog your spoor; like you I once was playing, adown the hillside sleighing; and now you see me spraying my limbs with Spavin Cure. Once I was young and stalwart, no blemish did I own, except a rather small wart fernist my collarbone; but youthful years go flying, and now you see me sighing, consuming pills and trying to can the dotard's groan. My sorrow seems a fixture, in vain I try to smile, while taking Johnson's Mixture of Tar and Castor Oil; I'm old and tired and gloomy, my eyes are weak and rheumy, and pharmacists come to me and bear away my pile. But when the clouds are parted, and sunshine's streaming through, I won't be broken-hearted, I won't be sad and blue; it's when the heavens clear up you see the old boys cheer up; and now for Jenkins' Syrup of Cockleburs and Glue.

BEAUTY CHATS EDNA KENT FORBES

HOME-MADE COLD CREAMS

At one time it was much less expensive to make cold creams at home, but since then the prices of separate items in the drug stores have gone up

ly as the little women who purchase 50 cents or a dollars' worth of materials.

But even so it's much less expensive to make your own nourishing or flesh building cream. For a quality similar to the cream I am giving today you have to pay several dollars. This cream contains almond oil which has become very expensive in recent years. Its formula is:

Rose water 4 ounces
Almond oil 4 ounces
Spermaceti 1 ounce
White wax 1 ounce
Benzoin 1 drachm
To make a particularly white nice cream add 30 grains of powdered borax. This cream is also cleansing but too fine and to expensive to be used for ordinary cleansing purposes. Cleansing creams are made made with mineral oil which is still quite cheap but which is not nourishing and of no use at all if you are trying to smooth out wrinkles or make a chapped skin soft.

Marcella B.—Both lemon juice and baking soda are bleaches for blond hair because both are drying, and it is the oil in the hair which makes it turn brown. This method, however, will not make brown hair blond. To do this a strong bleach would have to be used, and this, of course, is not advisable. It will not hurt your hair however, if you put a small spoonful of baking soda, or the juice of half a lemon in the last rinse water, when the hair is shampooed. If you can dry your hair in the sun, it will make it that much prettier.

Mrs. W. A. B.—The brown spots on the skin are probably the result of a sluggish liver. Have your doctor give you a tonic.

Tomorrow—Answered Letters.

BIJOU THEATER

TO-NIGHT

ALSO

Tuesday Matinee and Night

"You're a human being even though you ARE a Sky Pilot."

It's the admission of a mountain wild-flower to the man she had just lassoed from the roaring river. It starts a romance, sweet with the tang of the open hills, swift with the life of the rugged ranges, vivid with grim adventure and laughing escapade. But did he marry her? Yes—and no!

The Sky Pilot

From the Novel by Ralph Connor

As stirring to see as to read. Visualized with all its thrills and heart-hits.

COLLEN MOORE—as Gwen, the mountain girl carrying the love of a woman in the heart of a child.

JOHN BOWERS—as the Sky Pilot, who can break a broncho with the best, and packs the hardest punch in the Rockies.

DAVID BUTLER—as Bill Hendricks ranch foreman, hard-fighter, regular guy, but just a great big kid to Gwen.

ALSO OUTING CHESTER PICTURES

ORPHIUM THEATER TONIGHT

WILLIAM FARNUM IN

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A 6 reel vivid drama of the west. JACKIE SAUNDERS plays opposite WILLIAM FARNUM. If you want to see a real picture and a real man in a real man's part, that you'll never forget, come early.

"TERROR TRAIL"

In 2 reels with EILEEN SEDGWICK.

2—BIG FEATURES—2

FIRE DESTROYS DWELLING AND BARN IN XENIA

(Continued From Page One)

adjacent to the barn, did not notice the fire until the flames were shooting through the roof. The hay and straw in the building proved ready tinder for the blaze and before aid could be summoned, the entire structure was a mass of flames.

The Pennington home faces Kennedy street and was directly across the alley from the barn in which the fire started. Mrs. Pennington was working in her kitchen on the opposite side of the house from the barn preparing her noon-day meal, when she was attracted by cries of "fire" from the street. When she had made her way into the yard, she found that her house was also in flames, the roof having caught fire.

According to spectators, a water plug at Cottage Grove avenue and Kennedy street, would not work when firemen ran a line of hose from it on their arrival at the scene of the blaze. This fact necessitated the department running the hose from a plug on Washington street, considerable distance away, and caused a second call to be sent in for another department truck with more hose.

By the time the second truck arrived, and water was being thrown on the conflagration from the Washington street fire plug, both buildings were practically destroyed. The department saved the walls of the Pennington home, but the barn had been razed.

The loss to Rufus Jenks, owner of the barn and its contents, will be at least \$2,000 it is thought, although Mr. Jenks would not attempt an estimate Monday morning. He said the barn is insured, and the hay contained in the structure, is also covered, but that the

straw, the horse and the Ford car were not protected by insurance.

Mrs. Pennington said that she did not believe that insurance she carried on her home and its contents would cover the loss at present day prices. She estimated that it would cost more than \$2,500 to rebuild the house, and that insurance carried would not cover this loss. A majority of the household goods was saved and property not carried from the house will be covered by the household insurance it is thought. Mrs. Pennington was made comfortable by neighbors after the fire had destroyed her home.

XENIA TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS TO CLOSE FRIDAY, DEC. 23

The Xenia Township Schools will close Friday evening Dec. 23 and reopen Tuesday morning January 3, for their holiday vacation.

The Spring Valley township and the Sugar Creek Township schools will close for their holiday vacation Friday evening, Dec. 23 and reopen Monday morning, January 2.

WOULD REDUCE OFFICIALS' SALARIES

Waynesfield, Dec. 19.—The first move in Ohio to have salaries of officials lowered has been started in Auglaize county.

Petitions being circulated here ask that the legislature make decreases in county officers' salaries on the basis of the price of farm products. Salaries of officials, deputies and clerks are fixed by the legislature.

Persons behind the move said wages of most all classes have been reduced and the pay of public officers should be included in the general adjustment.

TWO MURDERS IN DAYTON TAKE PLACE OVER THE WEEK END

Dayton, Dec. 19.—Two murders in two days, was the record of crime in Dayton, Saturday and Sunday, E. T. Wright, manager of a Kroger grocery at Xenia avenue and Fillimore street being the victim of bandits who held him up and assaulted him. Saturday night, while Mrs. Hattie Brown, 40, Negress, was found murdered in her home, 235 Parker avenue, Sunday night.

Reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the Kroger Grocery and Baking company for information leading to the capture of the murderers of Wright, who was attacked by the thugs after he had locked up his store and was standing on a corner waiting for a bus to go home. He was knocked down, striking his head on the sidewalk, causing a fractured skull and instant death. A policeman on an approaching bus gave chase to the bandits, and fired three shots at them without result.

The body of Mrs. Brown was found lying in a pool of blood in the parlor of her home, by her daughter and neighbors said they heard two shots fired in the house at 8:30 o'clock. Two bullets had pierced the woman's heart and the daughter told police her parents had been quarrelling. Police are searching for the woman's husband. Police in nearby cities have been asked to assist in the search.

REQUEST ELKS NOT TO USE THEIR TEETH

Members of the local order of Elks were much interested in the request sent to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks by the American Gama Protective Association to forbid its members wearing elk teeth as emblems.

The resolution suggested that Elks be enlightened regarding "Wanton destruction of elk for the sole purpose of obtaining their teeth as ornaments by members of the order," and that a ban on their use be provided in the form of a constitutional amendment adopted at the next grand lodge convention.

CHRISTMAS

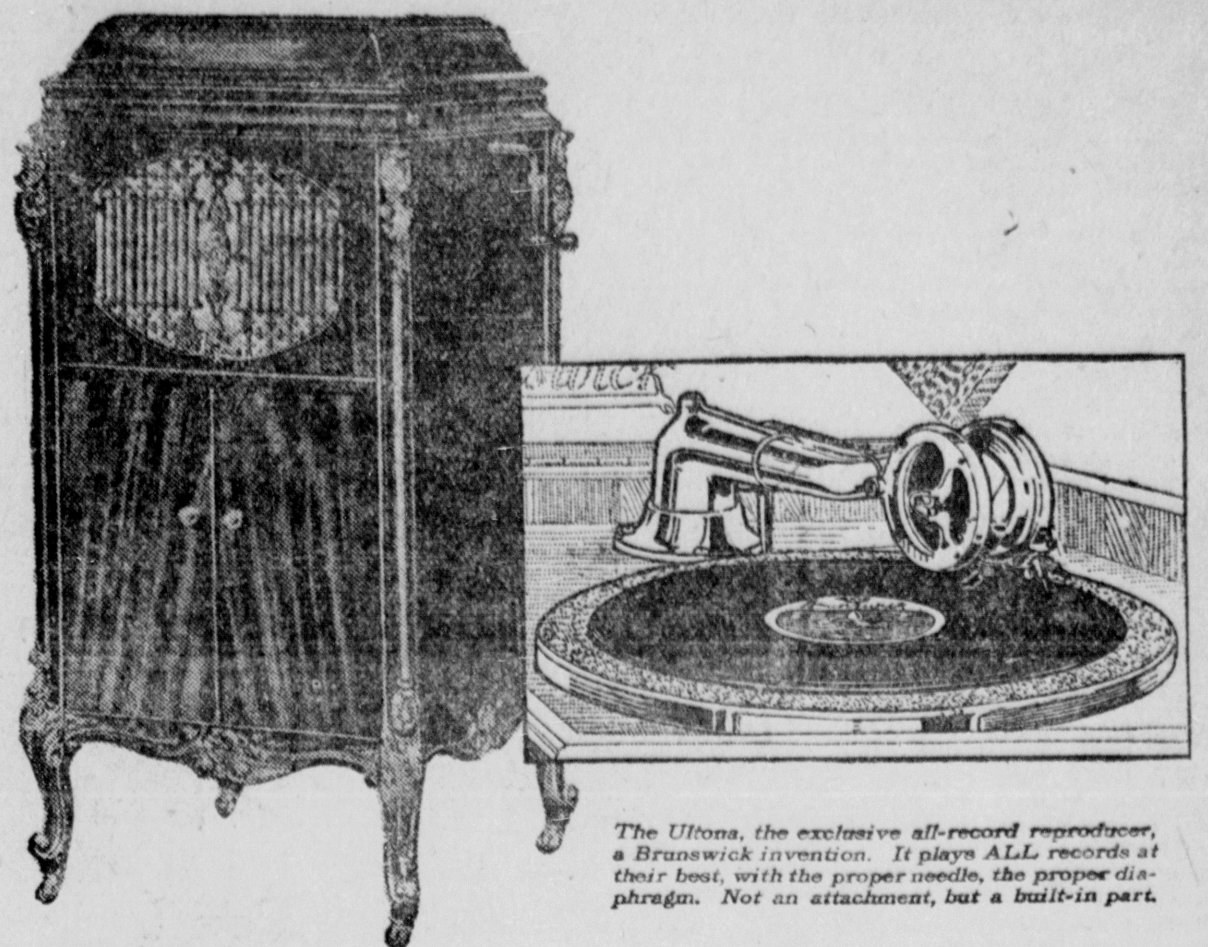
IS A SEASON OF GOOD CHEER IN THE HOMES OF THRIFTY PEOPLE

1. Start an account this Christmas or New Year.
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5. You will be pleased if you deal with us.
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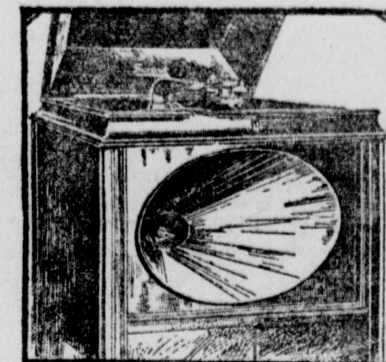
It is always a certain friend, an enthusiastic one, we find, who hears The Brunswick and then compares it.

The ear is quick to appreciate its superior tone. The eye is quick to note its finer cabinet work. And the mind is quick to reason out why Brunswick is a final-type instrument in every way.

The Brunswick Method of Reproduction has brought new standards in the phonographic art—better tone, truer tone. Tones hitherto lost are now ever-present.

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Fishing Reels

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That would make an ADMIRABLE GIFT, for an out-of-town friend or relative.

News of "good old Greene County"

Start it With January 1, 1922



REV. ALBERT READ
RESIGNS AS PASTOR
OF BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. Albert Read, tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Market and Whiteman Streets, at the Sunday morning service, to take effect January 15.

The letter of resignation was read to the congregation by the clerk of the official board of the church at the close of the regular morning services, and was received with regret by members of the congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Read is resigning in order to accept a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Van Wert, Ohio, according to a statement he gave out Monday. Although he regrets very much leaving Xenia, he said that the call from the Van Wert church was an urgent one, and that it offered possibilities that he could not overlook.

The action taken by the Rev. Mr. Read in resigning his pastorate of the local church, severs a connection of 22 years with the First Baptist Church, and will bring to an end the longest term of service with any one church of any pastor in the county. The present pastor came here from the pastorate of a Baptist Church, at Delaware, Ohio, and since making his home in Xenia has occupied an important position in local ecclesiastical circles as well as a citizen of the city.

Because of his long period of service to the First Baptist Church, he occupied a unique position that will be hard to fill, and his term as pastor here has survived many of the pastorate at other churches. Looked upon as the dead of Greene county clergymen, because he ranked as the oldest in point of service, he is at present occupying positions of honor as president of the Xenia Ministerial Union, the Greene County Ministerial Society and also as president of the Ministerial Union of the Dayton Baptist Association, all of which positions will be vacated by his departure.

In a statement issued Monday, the Rev. Mr. Read said that it is with the greatest regret that he is severing his connection with the First Baptist Church and with the city of Xenia. He said that during his long term of service at the local church there had never been any friction existing between himself and his congregation or board and that no ill feeling of any kind was responsible for his leaving Xenia. "My associations here have always been of the happiest," said Mr. Read, "and the time I have spent in Greene County always most enjoyable."

C. E. Arbogust, deacon of the First Baptist Church, said Monday that the congregation is very much "broken up" over the announced departure of its pastor. "The entire congregation regrets very much that the Rev. Mr. Read must leave us," said Mr. Arbogust. So far the official board of the church has not taken any action on the resignation of the pastor, according to Mr. Arbogust, but will probably comply with his wishes and accept the resignation in time to make an announcement to that effect at next Sunday's services. So far, the congregation has not attempted to find a successor to the departing pastor.

For many years the Rev. and Mrs. Read have lived on East Market street, near the little church where the Rev. Mr. Read was pastor for more than a score of years. They have two sons, who were reared here and educated in the Xenia schools, and their long connection with this city, has resulted in Xenia being home to them.

WOULD MAKE ALL
ROAD SIGNS OF
STANDARD DESIGN

Standardize danger signs along American roadways! Make them alike from coast to coast.

So urges the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture. The recommendation is made for the consideration of highway officials, automobile organizations, municipal officials, and other persons interested in the observance of safety week, which was held recently.

By standardization of all highway danger signs, the department believes automobile accidents may be lessened. Deaths from automobile accidents have nearly doubled since 1915, and the rapid increase of such accidents, the department believes, can be appreciably checked by the adoption of standard danger signs, easily read and distinctive, along American highways.

A tourist at the present time will see almost as many kinds of signs as there are States he visits. Also in some cases, the style of sign changes in going from one county to another. The subject is now under consideration by a committee of the American Association of State Highway Officials.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I'm writing this in an aeroplane. I cannot see the world at all. I hope it's still beneath the clouds—I'd hate to miss it if we fall.

RESIGNS LOCAL PASTORATE AFTER NEARLY
QUARTER OF CENTURY OF SERVICE IN XENIA



The Rev. Albert Read

Today's Talk
by George Matthew Adams

FORGET—BE NEW
Most of our sadness of soul are but unhappy happenings unforgotten. We live too much in memories.

Faced by that which is beautiful, we should forget that which is ugly and unattractive. That nature which struggles hardest and longest is always the best nature within us.

What you are in goodness now is infinitely finer than anything which you have been—good or bad.

In time, Nature smooths out the deepest scar and often is compelled to give added strength to torn and wounded tissues.

In like manner it is possible for you to renew and re-create that which is greatest within you—the inspiration of your soul—until you stand clean before the world.

A thousand beings about you, smiling and beguiling you, could not possibly have the power over your immortal soul that your big one being has. For you are master in your own house. Why grant to another the supreme privilege that is yours?

Touch the mistakes of your past with a living flame of forgetfulness. Clear your ground—and build anew! Walk on solid earth with a steady step that you can call your own. And face ahead—not behind. Keep forgetting and forgetting—until you see a new world and a new being.

More and more you must dedicate your life to essentials. And in service these essentials will illumine every thought and act, making your way plain as you go.

Wipe away the grudges that live within your heart. It cannot beat healthily with them there.

Enter every day free—with an open mind and heart—ready to receive that you may always be as ready to give.

Perfume your spirit with love so that many others may know that you are around—and be glad.

Build belief in yourself by compounding your belief in others.

Life grows confused and snarled only for those who try to remember what they ought to forget.

Forget—be NEW!

The Markets

STOCKS

The market finds no stimulus in the immediate prospects of business but the outlook for increased activity next spring, is encouraging and the apparent success of the arms conference, steps looking toward settlement of the Irish question, the strength of sterling, and progress in negotiations for the relief of Germany are undoubtedly immediate constructive factors of some magnitude. Abundant money and declining rates of interest favor speculative ventures in the market, although banks are loth to loan as of old for speculative enterprises in general. In the past ten years December has brought an advancing market only once. Last year the market declined, irregularly with evidence of strength yet recurring speculative activity and erratic reactionary tendencies has marked the present month.

GRAIN

Grain is featured by a dearth of movements result. The statistical position, condition of the winter wheat crop, and many items in the current news favor a rise, yet the market holds its level in the main. Sentiment has been mixed. Flour business is neither very good nor very bad. Big receipts of corn are predicted. In activities of the War Finance Corporation lies the hope of higher corn and oats prices.

LIVESTOCK

The packing house strike unsettled the livestock market and made cautious loading in the country advisable. The competition of smaller packing houses was practically eliminated for a time. It had not seemed possible that the strike could be of long duration. Hogs have probably passed the turn and are due for a rise, many believe. Good cattle are strongly fortified. Country buyers prefer light stockers. Recent exports of lamb and bacon have been large. European purchases are a prop to the market. Livestock values, after their sustained advance, are due to run into a reaction before long.

WOOL

Predictions are made that should the Emergency tariff remain in effect indefinitely prices on fine wools would soar to heights suggestive of war levels. This country produces only about half the wool it consumes. Business in the goods trade is declining and the peak of demand has probably been passed. How much farmers will profit by the stretching a point now and then.

higher prices for fine wools is a question. Dealers in stocks on hand stand to benefit.

COTTON

A crop estimated at 8,340,000 bales and acreage at 31,427,000 as against an estimate of 26,519,000 in July broke the cotton market precipitously as the past week began. Improvement in foreign conditions however, lent prices moderate support later. The crop still remains phenomenally small and only a vigorous world demand is needed to create a marked shortage in the raw staple. Politically the past month has been one of progress such as might encourage a sanely constructive attitude.

METALS

Some good buying of iron is reported. Consumers' stocks are low in the main. The lull in steel continues but prospects are fairly bright for the new year. Copper is steady.

AGRICULTURE

In his annual report recently issued Secretary of Agriculture Wallace attributes the prostrate condition of agriculture largely to excessively high freight rates. These have in effect moved the farmer hundreds of miles farther away from his customary markets, the Secretary says, and have imposed a differential against American producers and in favor of foreign competitors. Hoover, it will be remembered, took an almost identical view.

Like other men who take a long look ahead, he foresees a new and more prosperous era for American agriculture, based on the rapid increase in population and consuming needs and the fact that most of the easily cultivated land has been taken up.

Farmers lead their city brethren by a wide margin in borrowing on life insurance policies. Reports to the Association of Life Insurance Presidents reveal. Insurance companies loaned \$261,000,000 on city and farm real estate mortgages during the first ten months of this year making a total of \$2,500,000,000 in real estate mortgage loans.

The criticism is made that the War Finance Corporation is making some loans on security which an experienced banker would not accept. In answer it may be said that it is the responsibility of the War Finance Corporation to relieve the farmer and that conditions warrant stretching a point now and then.

Additional Society

PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY THURSDAY EVENING

About ninety neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matthews of south of town, in the Richland neighborhood, had a very pleasant time, at their home, last Thursday evening. The affair was arranged as a surprise for Mr. Matthews in honor of his birthday.

Throughout the rooms were pretty decorations of Christmas, bells and festoons. A miniature Christmas tree, and Santa Claus formed the centerpiece of the table in the dining room.

A delicious refreshment course was served. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent, with music, several selections being given by Miss Mildred Mendenhall at the piano.

HOUSEGUEST HONORED WITH "BRIDGE" SATURDAY

Honoring Miss Pauline Davis, houseguest of Miss Alice Rinck, Mrs. Oscar Shepard, entertained it a charming "bridge" at her home in the Davidson apartments, Saturday afternoon.

Bouquets of red roses were used throughout the room and upon the tables bayberry candles in crystal holders tied with red tulle were placed, carrying out the Yuletide colors.

Three tables of guests enjoyed the games during afternoon. The highest score holder was Mrs. John Baldwin. Miss Davis was presented a guest prize. A two course luncheon was served later.

Mr. and Mrs. William Plummer of East Second street, this city, were among the guests at an evening

party at the home of Miss Anna Kleinmeier of Baltimore Street, Dayton, Wednesday evening.

WEAK BLOOD IS
A REAL BARRIER

Growing Children
Often Need Gude's
Pepto-Mangan

Some children grow too quickly—they sap their strength. They lapse into careless, desultory habits, or develop a shrinking attitude. Their faces look pinched.

The blood becomes overtaken by too rapid growth; and poisons from the system take the place of strength-giving red corpuscles in the blood. Red corpuscles are those little red particles that swim in blood and give it its color. Gradually that child loses interest in its play.

Poor blood needs the building that the iron in Gude's Pepto-Mangan gives to weakened blood. Gude's Pepto-Mangan enriches the blood by increasing the number of red corpuscles, and restores the blood by driving out the poisons. When the revived blood gets to work, the appetite becomes what a growing child's should be. Your druggist has Gude's Pepto-Mangan in liquid or tablet form. The name "Gude's Pepto-Mangan" is on every package. adv



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Here's a Merry Christmas for all our Friends. We trust their Christmas will be "Merry!" Here's a Christmas suggestion for Old Santa Claus—a wise and suitable one—It's this—

- A pair of warm and easy shoes for Grandma.
- A pair of arctics for Grandpa.
- A pair of handsome Juliets for Mother.
- A pair of beautiful dress slippers for Sister.
- A pair of heavy skating shoes for Brother.
- A pair of rubber boots for little Brother.

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Sulkies with hood **\$26.00 up**
Sulkies **\$9.50 up**

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Nest of Tables in Mahogany **\$32.00**
Tilt Top Tables **\$15.00 up**
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HISTORY OF USAGE OF CHRISTMAS TREE DIFFICULT TO FIND

The great winter harvest is at hand. It is a crop requiring 5 to 60 years to ripen. Arriving late by a single day it is worthless, yet its failure would mean sadness and disappointment to all the dwellers in childhoodland. It is the Christmas tree.

The history of Christmas tree usage extends far into the mists of antiquity and its origin is difficult to trace. Some say it is connected with the legendary Tree of Time, Yggdrasil, the great tree of Norse mythology, within whose roots and branches heaven and earth are bound. Some say the custom may be traced to the Egyptians, who, at the time of winter solstice, decorated their portals with branches of the date palm—the symbol of life triumphant over death.

An ancient legend of the Scandinavians relates how the Christmas tree owes its origin to the "service tree" which sprang from soil once drenched with the blood of two slain lovers, and how each night during the Christmas season mysterious lights played among its branches. To this legend may perhaps be traced our custom of illuminating the tree when darkness comes. Among the Greeks Christmas is known as the feast of lights.

To people of different localities the term Christmas tree may mean fir, spruce, pine, cedar, or even magnolia, for each region makes use of the most suitable species found near its markets. In the vicinity of Chicago a short-needled pine found in Michigan and Wisconsin may be used. On the Pacific Coast the white fir finds favor, while throughout Ohio Norway spruce is largely used. In Maryland and Virginia the scrub pine finds its way into many homes, and farther south cedar and holly, and the Christmas tree do luxuriate in the halsam fir. Of little use for lumber, it possesses ideal characteristics for holiday purposes—beautiful and symmetrical with long horizontal branches and deep green foliage, each tiny leaf and bud of which sends out a breath of aromatic fragrance.

Yearly a crusade is started against the Christmas tree idea, usually protesting the waste of timber and destruction caused to our young growth through their removal. The Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, in answer to these protests, points out that 5,000,000 Christmas trees are used annually within the United States, New England and New York take 1,500,000 trees, amounting to some 500 carloads. Each year a "Christmas tree fleet" makes its way down Lake Michigan with an evergreen tree at the mast of each vessel in token of the cargo it carries.

Five million trees of the size used for the holiday festival could be grown on 5,000 acres of land. The lumber industry cuts over a thousand times this acreage in a single year. If on December 24, 1921, all the nation's timber cutters should begin work 2 hours late, the resulting decrease in acreage annually cut would be equal to the area exploited by the Christmas tree industry for the entire year.

The annual cutting of 5,000,000 trees is insignificant as compared with the loss through forest fires which each year sweeps over 12,000,000 acres, causing a yearly wastage of about \$20,000,000.

In addition it is pointed out that the lands from which a large portion of the trees are taken are often more suitable for pasture and are more valuable after the timber crop has been removed than they were before. In the European forests the removal of Christmas trees is made to serve the welfare of the forests when at the holiday season the cutting of the small trees is in the nature of an improvement thinning and at the same time a source of revenue. The removal of Christmas trees from our own National Forests, under the supervision of forest officers not only places a small profit in the Nation's pocket each year, but it results in a more healthy and faster growing stand of timber.

It has been demonstrated by cutting Christmas trees of certain evergreen species above the lower whorl of branches the remaining limbs turn abruptly upward and often reach a height of 6 feet in less than 2 years. If a crop of Christmas trees can be cut without actually destroying the parent tree and a new crop

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THE BUSY HOUSEKEEPER'S WINDOW GARDEN

"Why do my plants droop and die?" is the opening line of many letters that I receive each winter. Then when I read farther down in the letter I find that the Reader's plants were of the variety which require care and that they were not receiving the necessary amount.

The average housekeeper is too busy to fuss much over plants. Therefore she should choose, for her indoor garden, the plants that are easy to take care of. In this class are Begonias, Primroses, Geraniums, Impatiens, Cyclamens, and Abutilons, ("flowering maples"). These six will flourish without constant spraying and syringing, if they have good drainage, a reasonable amount of sunlight, and are in a room free from escaping gas. Here are some points regarding these plants which may be helpful:

Cyclamens are properly classed as among the bulbs, but are more commonly purchased as started plants. Although all of these six plants which I have named must have sunlight, cyclamens will flower well without a great amount of direct sunlight and this is also true of begonias—although the sun is needed to give them a high color.

Geraniums, on the other hand, must have all the direct sunlight possible through the entire winter. They need a South window and should be kept as close to the glass as possible. Only in this way will they flower through the colder months when the days are short. Young, stocky geraniums are needed for the best display, although plants which have been taken up from the garden will do well if they have been cut back with an unsparing hand.

The primrose is perhaps the most reliable continuous flowering plant which may be chosen.

The best of the Begonia family, for the average window garden, are those of the Semper Florens type. The variety called Prima Donna is a splendid one, having a lovely shade of pink.

All of these plants named will flourish if given plenty of sunlight and watered freely. It is taken for granted that good soil is used in the pots and that there are large pebbles under the soil—at the bottom of the pot—for good drainage; also that the earth is well "firmed," so that the water will not trickle down the sides between the soil and the pots instead of percolating through the soil.

The pots should not be filled to the top with earth or there will be no place for the water. The geranium is the one plant which should not receive too much water, as too much moisture will cause the leaves to drop.

A dear little old lady whom I count among my friends achieved success

with her plants through this device: she had a tinsmith make her a zinc tray as long as her dining room window, and two feet the other way. The sides of this tray are two inches deep and the bottom of it is covered with pebbles. This tray is set on top of a table is mounted on small wheels—ordinary castors would do as well—so that the table may be wheeled away from the window on frosty nights. With this device, the water which she applies to her plants never runs onto the woodwork accidentally, for the surplus water runs onto the bed of pebbles and is evaporated—thereby creating a moist atmosphere which is good for the plants and also good for human beings.

Tomorrow—Answered Letters.

FINED IN COURT

Lester Barlow, was fined \$25 and costs on a charge of drunk and disorderly and a case of disorderly against William Cummings was dismissed in police court, Monday morning, following their arrest by Chief of Police Graham, Sunday on West Main Street.

Cummings told Police Judge Smith that the altercation with Barlow resulted when he attempted to take the latter home. Both were held at police headquarters.

William Nickells, arrested on a charge of plain drunk, Friday, was fined \$25 and costs by Judge Smith Saturday.

THE NEW GENERATION

By Jane Phelps

MARGARET ANNOUNCES JOANS ENGAGEMENT

Margaret was delighted when told by Malcolm that he and Joan were engaged. She thought him very manly, and embraced him happily, reminding him once again of the time when she found him kissing Joan in the hammock, when they were children and how she offered to let him kiss her too.

"You were awfully clever in those days, Mrs. Hayden," Malcolm said, "Of course we didn't realize it then, but the way you handled us boys and girls was simply wonderful. They all talk about the good times we had at your house even yet, and of Hannah's cookies. I remember Hortense Thompson once said she didn't believe Hannah did anything in those days but bake cookies and that she must have stayed up all night at that. We were awful little pigs, weren't we?"

Margaret gave a little dinner to announce Joan's engagement. She was to stay all night with her mother, so after the young people had gone, she and Malcolm, Margaret and Craig Forrester—whom Margaret had invited without consulting Joan saying she needed some one to talk to—settled down in the dainty living room for a chat.

"I never saw anything like these chrysanthemums," Margaret said, "you were a dear to send them, Craig."

"Indeed you were!" Joan broke in. "I was almost overwhelmed when I saw them." They had been given to Joan, great ragged yellow blooms that gave just the touch of beauty the room needed.

"I did not know you ever felt 'overwhelmed,' Joan," Craig answered, smiling.

"Oh, yes I do sometimes." Joan had watched Craig Forrester closely that evening had seen his eyes light up whenever they rested on her mother. A babe in arms would have known he was in love with her, she thought, a feeling of annoyance stirring within her. It was nice in him to send flowers for her party, but that needn't make him feel he was entitled to love her mother.

After both Craig and Malcolm left, Margaret and Joan talked a little before retiring.

"You were a dear to give me a dinner," Joan said.

"You seem to forget at times, dear, that I am your mother. Why shouldn't I give you a dinner?"

"I guess you should—am I very different from other girls, Mumsie?"

"Goodness no! What a question!"

"I just wondered that was all. You see we never have been just like other mothers and daughters, we have been sort of—Chums isn't the right word either—not until lately, we've each one gone our own gait, rather independently, and—"

"Speak for yourself, Joan. I never have known what it meant to be independent until since I came to New York."

"I guess that's so. Malcolm and I almost quarreled over that very thing. He called me a 'selfish little beast.' What do you think of that Mumsie?"

"I'm sure he didn't mean it."

"Oh, I don't know! He pretended to think you wouldn't want to live with us. We almost quarreled over it. I told him I never would marry him unless you did."

Margaret was almost stunned. She had believed Joan would be reasonable once she was engaged to Malcolm, would be willing her mother should do whatever she liked, and here she was, on the very day her engagement was announced saying she would refuse to marry Malcolm unless Margaret lived with them.

"Don't quarrel with Malcolm over anything, Joan. Bitter words leave a sting hard to forget. He is a dear boy, I expect you will be very happy. But, Joan you must not plan to have me live with you and Malcolm. I have had a bit of freedom—as well as you—and I enjoy it."

Tomorrow—Malcolm and Joan Quarrel.

ANTIOCH DEFEATED BY DENISON FIVE

Denison University basketball team proved too much for Coach Earl Prugh's Antioch College quintet, the Yellow Springs tossers losing to the Baptists at Granville Saturday night 32 to 15.

The issue was never in doubt throughout the pastime, close guarding featuring the play of the Granville athletes and the score at the end of the half was 19 to 6. The lineup and summary:

Denison—32 Antioch—15
Calhoun L. F. M. Dawson
Rettig R. F. Wright
Jefferson C. Corry
Guckert L. G. Vannorsdall
Stone R. G. C. Dawson
Substitutions: Handley for Guckert, Van Veber for Calhoun, Corry for Wright, Wright for Corry, Northup for Vannorsdall, Vannorsdall for Wright, Wright for Corry, Kitchen for Northup, Field goals: Rettig 5, Calhoun 2, Jefferson 1, Stone 6, Vannorsdall 1, C. Dawson 1, Corry 1, M. Dawson 1, Poul goals: Rettig 4 out of 7, Vannorsdall 5 out of 12. Referee: Don Hamilton, Notre Dame.

MAY START DRILLING

Washington, C. H. Dec. 19.—Herod's creek valley, in Fayette and Ross counties, may soon witness renewed activities to locate oil and gas, and already more than 1500 acres of land in the valley have been leased by Jackson Rittenhouse, former resident of the Herod's creek valley, now said to be a resident of Blanchester.



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